# At a Glance...

## Lawful:

- Motorcycles
- Motor-Driven Cycles
- Motor Scooter
- Motorized—

**Bicycle** 



## **Prohibited:**

- Gas or Electric Go-peds
- "Pocket Bikes"
- Go-carts
- Golf carts
- Mini bikes
- Any vehicle with a tire less than 14"

#### References

Colorado Revised Statutes

42-1-102

42-2-103

42-4-109

42-4-109.5

42-4-220



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Your Guide to the use of Motorcycles, Motor Scooters, and everything in between



# What can I operate and where?

The dramatic rise in the cost of gasoline has prompted citizens to explore alternatives in transportation. In fact, Colorado ranks 9th in the nation for scooter sales. Retailers posted 15%-20% increases in sales in the first quarter of 2008. However, not all of these alternatives are lawful means of conveyance and there are certain restrictions for those that are lawful. Recent media coverage on the topic has fur-

ther muddied the waters. The Colorado



**Revised Statutes** govern the use of the roadways throughout the state of Colorado and municipalities. The Louisville Municipal Code can

further restrict the use of the roads, sidewalks, parks, and open space. All types of motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited in the City of Louisville. This guide is intended to help you make the best decision in your transportation choices.

### **Motorcycles**

Also sometimes referred to as motor-driven cycles and motor scooters. They are vehicles with 3 or fewer wheels designed and intended primarily as transportation which have engines 50cc or larger.

#### They Must...

- Be properly registered
- Be insured
  - Have required equipment

#### Drivers Must...

- Operate on the street only
- Have a valid Driver's License
- Have a valid motorcycle endorsement
- Must wear eye protection
- Drivers and passengers under the age of 18 must wear a helmet.

### **Scooters and Motorized Bicycles**

#### Vehicles Must...

- be less than 49cc
- Have an automatic transmission
- Not exceed 30 mph
- Have brakes capable of wheel lock on flat dry surface
- Have a seat
- Have a light and an audible signal

#### Drivers Must...

- Have a valid driver's license (No endorsement needed)
- Follow all applicable laws and are permitted all rights
- Ride to the far right shoulder to include the bike lane and no more than two abreast
- Wear eye protection
- Wear a helmet if they are under the age of 18 as do their passengers that are under 18
- Not attach themselves to another vehicle
- Not ride on sidewalks, trails, bike paths, or open space
- Parents must not knowingly allow any violations

## **Toy Vehicles**

Colorado law - 42-4-109(9)

prohibits the use of certain powered vehicles on streets, sidewalks, and trails. This list includes but is not limited to:

- Gas or Electric powered vehicles with a tire of less than 14"
- "Pocket Bikes"
- Go-peds
- Go-carts
- Golf carts
- Mini bikes
- Kamikaze boards



